

CIA Bugging Affidavit

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An affidavit from an ex-CIA agent revealing massive bugging and other questionable operations against prominent Americans arrived at the

U.S. District Court in Las Vegas Monday.

It was mailed to Las Vegas by Wyshak and Wyshak of Los Angeles, attorneys for fugitive John Meier, former key aide to billionaire Howard Hughes.

The affidavit was to be forwarded Tuesday to the U.S. District Court offices in Reno, where Meier was due to report for trial on income tax charges but never showed up.

In the affidavit, 15-year

veteran Central Intelligence Agency operative Virgino Gonzales admitted his role in an illegal surveillance and coercion program by the CIA.

Targets of the scheme included Sen. Edward

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Kennedy, who the CIA tried to place in a compromising situation in a Las Vegas hotel, and Gov. Mike O'Callaghan, former Gov. Grant Sawyer and SUN Publisher Hank Greenspun, victims of illegal wiretap

operations or surveillance activity.

The affidavit was obtained from Gonzales in Mexico City. The original Spanish-language version covered 19 pages with each page signed by Gonzales.

"Further attached," wrote attorney R. H. Wyshak, "is the English draft from which it was translated. It appears that there are serveral differences in meaning in the tanslation."

Wyshak did not elaborate as to what those differences might have been.

The cover statement from Wyshak was entitled "Affidavit of Gonzales in support of further disclosure of electronic surveillance."